



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
United States Patent and Trademark Office
Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450
www.uspto.gov

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
10/074,564	02/11/2002	Michael A. Todd	ASMEX.333A	6555

20995 7590 10/29/2004

Knobbe Martens Olson & Bear LLP
2040 Main Street
Fourteenth Floor
Irvine, CA 92614

EXAMINER

KEBEDE, BROOK

ART UNIT	PAPER NUMBER
----------	--------------

2823

DATE MAILED: 10/29/2004

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

APPLICATION NO./ CONTROL NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR / PATENT IN REEXAMINATION	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.
---------------------------------	-------------	---	---------------------

10 / 074, 564

EXAMINER

B. KEBEDE

ART UNIT	PAPER
----------	-------

2823

20041027

DATE MAILED:

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Commissioner for Patents

Applicants' response filed on July 12, 2004 to the restriction requirement that was mailed on June 15, 2004 is non-responsive for the following reasons:

Although applicants' election without traverse of Species I in the response that was filed on July 12, 2004 is acknowledged, applicants' election of claims 1-2, 5-50 and 55-80 readable on Species I is incorrect because claims 22-25, for example, do not appear to read on Species I (it appears claims 22-25 read on Species IV, i.e., method for depositing silicon nitride film).

Applicants are advised that to reply to the restriction requirement that was mailed on June 15, 2004 by including an identification of the species that is elected consonant with restriction requirement, and a listing of all claims readable thereon, including any claims subsequently added. An argument that a claim is allowable or that all claims are generic is considered nonresponsive unless accompanied by an election.

Upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. If claims are added after the election, applicant must indicate which are readable upon the elected species. MPEP § 809.02(a)

Since the above-mentioned response appears to be a bona fide attempt to reply, applicants are given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.

Brook Kebede
Examiner
Art Unit 2823

Brook Kebede